

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An adapter for connecting a device outputting a signal to a first auxiliary device and a second auxiliary device, comprising:
 - a first connector for transmitting the signal output by the device and transmitting a different signal to the device;
 - a first switch for receiving the signal from the first connector, and for switching between a first position and a second position;
 - a second connector for receiving the signal from the switch in the first position and for outputting the signal to the first auxiliary device; and
 - a third connector for receiving the signal from the switch in the second position and for outputting the signal to the second auxiliary device and for receiving the different signal from the second auxiliary device.
2. The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a second switch for switching between an open position and a closed position, wherein when in the closed position, the first connector receives the different signal output via the third connector.
3. The adapter according to claim 1, further comprising a housing for at least one of the first switch, the first connector, the second connector, and the third connector.
4. The adapter according to claim 3, wherein at least one of the first, second, and third connectors is protractable from, and retractable to, the housing.
5. The adapter according to claim 4, wherein when the at least one connector is in a retracted position, the at least one connector is substantially flush with the housing.
6. The adapter according to claim 2, further comprises:

a first wire for connecting to the first switch at one end and to the first connector at the other end; and

a second wire for connecting to the second switch at one end and to the first connector at the other end,

wherein the first wire and the second wire are formed in a cable.

7. The adapter according to claim 6, wherein the cable is coiled.

8. The adapter according to claim 6, wherein the first connector, second connector, and third connector are connected by a ground line.

9. The adapter according to claim 7, further comprising a housing for the first switch and the second switch.

10. The adapter according to claim 9, wherein the first wire, second wire, and ground wire are in the cable between the first connector and the housing.

11. The adapter according to claim 1, wherein the second connector is a transmitter for transmitting the signal to the first auxiliary device.

12. The adapter according to claim 1, further comprising:
a second switch switchable between a first position and a second position; and
a transmitter for transmitting the signal to the first auxiliary device when the switch is in the first position,

wherein the second connector, for connecting to the first auxiliary device, receives the signal when the second switch is in the second position.

13. The adapter according to claim 1, wherein the third connector is a transceiver for transmitting the signal to and receiving the different signal from the second auxiliary device.

14. The adapter according to claim 1, further comprising:
a second switch switchable between a first position and a second position; and
a transceiver for transmitting the signal to and receiving the different signal from the second auxiliary device when the switch is in the first position,
wherein when the second switch is in the second position, the second connector receives the signal.

15. The adapter according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the first connector and the third connector is a duplex connector for simultaneously transmitting signals in opposite directions.

16. A communication headset, comprising:
an earpiece adapted to interface with an ear of a user;
a microphone boom having a microphone proximate to a first distal end of the boom, and a second distal end of the boom pivotally connected to said earpiece;
a dual retractable cord operably associated with the earpiece and the microphone; and
a housing external to the earpiece and microphone boom adapted to receive a portion of the dual retractable cord when retracted, and to receive another portion of the dual retractable cord when retracted.

17. The communication headset according to claim 16, wherein when the portion of the dual retractable cord is substantially retracted, the earpiece engages the housing.

18. The communication headset according to claim 16, wherein the microphone boom is disengagably connected to the earpiece.

19. The communication headset according to claim 18, further comprising a retractable cord operably associated with the microphone boom, wherein the retractable cord is protracted from the earpiece when the microphone boom is disengaged.

20. A communication headset, comprising:
an earpiece adapted to interface with an ear of a user;
a microphone boom having a microphone proximate to a first distal end of the boom, and a second distal end of the boom pivotally and disengageably connected to said earpiece; and
a retractable cord operably associated with the microphone boom, wherein the retractable cord is protracted when the microphone boom is disengaged.

21. The communication headset according to claim 20, wherein the a retracted portion of the retractable cord is disposed within the earpiece, and the retractable cord protracts from a point proximate to the second distal end of the earpiece when engaged.

22. The communication headset according to claim 20, wherein the retractable cord is contained by a housing external to the earpiece

23. The communication headset according to claim 20, further comprising:
a transceiver configured to receive a signal from an external device and transmit a signal received from the microphone to the external device.

24. A communication system for connecting a communication device having a duplex connector with a first auxiliary device and a second auxiliary device, comprising

an adapter for connecting the duplex connector of the communication device to the first auxiliary device and the second auxiliary device, configured to selectively transmit a first signal output by the communication device via the duplex connector to either the first auxiliary device or the second auxiliary device and to transmit a second signal received from the first auxiliary device to the communication device via the duplex connector,

wherein the first auxiliary device is a headset configured to receive the first signal via the adapter when selected and transmit the second signal to the adapter.

25. The communication device according to claim 24, wherein the headset is integrally connected to the adapter.

26. The communication device according to claim 25, wherein a cord connecting to the headset is retractable from the adapter.

27. A mounting device for mounting a communication device adapter configured to connect the communication device with a first auxiliary device and a second auxiliary device, the mounting device comprising:

a flexible arm having first and second distal ends, the communication device adapter connected to the first distal end;

an adjustable brace configured to clinch to a mounting surface, wherein the second distal end of the flexible arm is detachably connected to the adjustable brace.

28. The mounting device according to claim 27, wherein the adjustable brace includes gripping surfaces having disposed thereon non-abrasive and moderately frictional material for contacting the mounting surface.

29. The mounting device according to claim 27, wherein the adjustable brace is a vise.

30. The mounting device according to claim 27, wherein the adjustable brace is a clip.

31. The mounting device according to claim 27, further comprising a ratchet disposed between the first distal end of the flexible arm and the communication device adapter, for incrementally rotating the communication device adapter.

32. A communication device' for connecting a communication device having a duplex connector with a first auxiliary device, comprising

an adapter including a speaker pivotally connected to a back side of the adapter, for connecting to the communication device via the duplex connector to the speaker and first auxiliary device, and configured to selectively transmit a first signal output by the communication device via the duplex connector to either the first auxiliary device or the speaker and to transmit a second signal received from the first auxiliary device to the communication device via the duplex connector.